

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
April 18, 2007

Present: Vice Mayor Mary Nedrow, Eric Baca, Pete Hunt and Phelps Wilkins

Absent: Kay Dyson

Staff: Scott Garms Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Eduardo Coronado Town Attorney, Larisa Bogardus Community Development, Steve West Chief of Police, and Tom Malone Public Works Director.

Facilitator: Mike Hauser,

Public: Kevin Burk, Jane Swartz,

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Mayor Nedrow
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Baca, Invocation by Councilman Hunt.
3. Public Participation:

Larisa Bogardus announced that she has participated in Project Central for the last two years project. She has worked on a community service project on water conservation education and outreach and completed her final class last week. Mike Houser has been a major participant and facilitator of this project. She presented Mr. Hauser with his own household water conservation kit.

Jane Anderson of Kestrel Aviation gave her fourth quarter report for 2006 and the first quarter report for 2007. She announced that Brian Martin who was their manager is no longer with them. They met for a preconstruction meeting with Armstrong Consulting and Hatch Construction. She thanked the public works department for their response after the break in about a month ago. She said there were other maintenance items that need to be taken care of and asked if they would budget for painting at the airport this year. She reported that the weather reporting station is not yet installed. They are waiting on an FCC license. The rotating beacon will be installed next week. Armstrong Consultants advised her that the runway pavement maintenance program. He said that it's getting so bad that they may no be able to do just a normal maintenance.

Chamber Report: Larisa reported that the chamber has disassociated themselves with John Wayne for a number of reasons. But she asked everyone not to change their plans as they are going forward with Redondo Days.

Councilman Wilkins reported that an ADOT State Transportation Board meeting will be held at Jack Husted's home on June 15th and felt that it is important that the council attend.

Mr. Garms advised the council that the town is sponsoring a dinner the night before the meeting at Jack's home.

5. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes: Consider approval of the minutes from the April 4th council meeting.
 - B. Accounts Payable ratification: Consider approval/ratification of the accounts payable for the Town of Springerville.
 - C. Special Per Diem Request: Consider approval of a special per diem request for Mayor Dyson's attendance at the Statewide Water Advisory Group meeting in Phoenix.

Pete Hunt/Eric Baca motion to approve consent agenda items 5a – 5c.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

7. Community Development Assistant: Discussion and action regarding the addition of the position of a Community Development Assistant.

Vice Mayor Nedrow announced that they would bring this item forward because Ms. Bogardus has a planning and zoning meeting tonight.

Mr. Garms explained that the town council had allocated funds to hire an extra employee in the finance department which had not been done yet. He wanted to wait and access everything going on. After meeting with the staff and employees in the finance department and the bottom line is that he does not feel that they need another position in the finance department. There are tasks that need to be moved out from the finance and that would be better suited to the community development department.

We need someone to work on GIS which is far too large a project to add to another employee. Chief West has secured the GIS equipment i.e. the plotter, software, training and finance with Homeland Security money. Every department will benefit from having a GIS person. This person will be tasked with a number of other jobs including over seeing the airport. They will be involved with SMACC, FAA, Armstrong Consultants, and be of assistance to Larisa assistance in the community development department with grants, planning and zoning, and other services in other departments.

Pete Hunt/Eric Baca motion to approve the request for a community development person.

Councilman Wilkins asked if enough money had been allocated to hire this type of position.

Mr. Garms explained that we would not be hiring a trained person in GIS but a person that can be trained. We could not offer a salary that a trained GIS person would require. We would bring in an entry level individual to learn these skills.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

6. Town Mission Prioritization: Discussion and action regarding council prioritization of the mission and goal statements developed in the Town Council retreat.

Mike Hauser of University of Arizona Cooperative Extension explained that during the last two council and staff retreats he was asked to facilitate a visioning process for the town. He has created a summary of the vision from the last meeting and put it before for the council to prioritize the ten components of the vision. He advised them that town staff will begin a process to address the vision and its barriers with strategic directions to meet that vision. He restated that the council's role tonight is to prioritize or narrow down these components. He would give each council member five dots to place on their highest goal or priority and asked not to place more than three dots on one particular component. Upon the Mayor's return she will also be given five dots.

The Vision for Town of Springerville over the Next 3-5 Years

Smart Growth	To Encourage Community Involvement	Regional Synergy	An Enhanced Quality of Life	To Develop & Enhance Recreational/ Environmental Opportunities	An Aesthetically Pleasing Corridor	Improved Facilities Infrastructure & Services	Aggressive Economic Development	An improved Economic Support System	To Create Town "Core" Strategies
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Mr. Hauser advised the council that this was all he would be doing tonight. His next step is to assist staff in identifying barriers and moving forward.

Mr. Garms assured the council that this did not mean that nothing will be done in the components that don't have the higher priorities but putting priorities will help staff know where to concentrate efforts.

8. Drug Task Force: Discussion and action regarding a presentation by Apache County Attorney Criss Candelaria regarding the Apache County Cooperative Enforcement Task Force.

Mr. Candelaria gave a presentation on the Apache County Drug Task Force. He said they had gone before the Board of Supervisors with a proposing to keep the Drug Task Force in tact with \$80,000 they received from the Governors Office. In order to receive these funds they must have a multi-agency task force in place. He advised the council that this money is not sustainable but did have the funds for this year. He asked if Springerville would again consider committing an officer to the Task Force of which they would pay the officer's wages for this year.

He stated that Apache County is a cross roads of corridors east, west, north and south for drug transportation. There is not a lot of specific enforcement along the entire length of the county which is 300 miles long. They to become formidable by having a task force in place that concentrates their efforts along the east corridor and force the courts to impose sentences to drug dealer.

Chief West explained that Springerville has participated in this program for the last four and a half years and but now its time to pull the officer out. Unfortunately he doesn't have another officer to put back into the program.

9. Maricopa Drive Project: Discussion and action regarding the Maricopa Drive project and approval of engineering design.

Public Works Director Tom Malone explained that in "2002" Springerville received a \$460,000 NACOG to improve Maricopa Drive from Pima Street to Coconino Drive. He explained that since that time costs have gone up and now in "2007" this is not enough money to complete the project. They will be repairing Maricopa from Papago Street to Coconino Drive. New 5 ft side walks with standard and decorative street lights for promoting foot traffic will be put in and the drainage issue will be addressed. The road over the hill will be addressed at a future date. The curb will preserve the asphalt in the shoulder of the road on the Eagar side. Mr. Malone advised the council that they will do the same thing just over the hill and terminate the project at the Pima intersection if there are enough funds left over. He advised the council that the deadline to spend the NACOG money is coming up and he is asking for approval to move forward with the project and put it out to bid. He would like to start the project in June. Mr. Malone noted that this project fits in with the Master Plan.

Pete Hunt/Eric Baca motion to accept the Maricopa Drive project and go out to bid.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

10. Utility Board Appointment: Discussion and action regarding the appointment of a citizen to the Utility Board.

Pete Hunt/Eric Baca motion to appoint Barry Williams to the Utility Board with a term ending 12/31/2009.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

11. Parks Committee Appointments: Discussion and action regarding appointments to the vacancies on the parks committee.

Mary Nedrow/Eric Baca motion to appoint Teresa Skersick to the Parks Committee with a term ending 12/31/2009

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

Eric Baca/Phelps Wilkins motion to appoint Ladonna Tafoya to the Parks Committee with a term ending 12/31/2009

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

Pete Hunt/Eric Baca motion to appoint Rye Sluiter to the Parks Committee with a term ending 12/31/2007.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

12. Cemetery Committee: Discussion and action regarding the creation of a Cemetery Committee.

Councilman Hunt said he had been up to the cemetery recently due to some complaints he had received recently about the quality of our cemetery and felt that these were legitimate concerns. There are graves that are sinking and others where people have started to building things around their grave and materials have been left.

He suggested that possibly creating a committee with proper funding could improve the cemetery. His concern is that it needs to be improved. A committee could also look into trying to find another location for a new cemetery.

Mr. Garms advised the council that the number on the committee would be up to them. He said that he could get samples from the Town of Eagar for review.

Councilman Hunt stated that there needs to be input from the community to look at a long term plan and to look at changing aspects that we can afford.

Mr. Garms was given direction to research policies and format there similar to our other policies.

13. Proclamation #2007-P002: Discussion and action regarding proclamation #2007-P002 proclaiming May 1, 2007, as "Ready Set Relax" day to encourage families to take a night off to slow down and be together.

Phelps Wilkins/Pete Hunt motion to approve Proclamation #2007-P002 Ready Set Relax.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

14. Adjournment:

Phelps Wilkins/Eric Baca motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Mary Nedrow
		Eric Baca
		Pete Hunt
		Phelps Wilkins

Mary Nedrow, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday April 18, 2007. I further certify that the meeting was duly posted and a quorum was present.

Dated this 20th day of April 2007

Town Clerk